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RE: Final Environmental Impact Statement for Proposed Realignment of National Guard Avenue and Main Gate Construction at the Burlington International Airport, South Burlington, Vermont (CEQ # 20100314)

Dear Mr. Dogan:

In accordance with our responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, we have reviewed the National Guard Bureau's (NGB) Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for work to support the mission of the 158th Fighter Wing/Vermont Air National Guard at the Burlington International Airport in South Burlington, Vermont. The project entails work to increase levels of protection against terrorist threats through changes in the configuration of the main gate and stand-off distances between public access roadways and various portions of the base.

EPA's comments on the DEIS requested that the NGB consider the use of Low Impact Development (LID) options for the project to minimize the potential for indirect aquatic impacts to nearby waters of the United States. The FEIS includes information to explain how LID options will be implemented to comply with the Energy Independence and Security Act (EISA) Section 438 and Unified Facilites Criteria (UFC) 3-210-10. EPA continues to have no objections to the project as described.

Sincerely

H. Curtis Spalding

Regional Administrator